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MR. NEGIN: I hope all of you will join me in applauding the stenographer.

[APPLAUSE.]

MR. NEGIN: At least it's nice to know that one person is paying attention.

1 My name is Dr. Gary Negin. I would like to make three points, after sitting here for five hours. First, I wish to admonish the Department of Energy and other agencies for their failure to do more to solicit input from San Bernardino County for a major project that has already cost taxpayers a fortune.

2 Second, I wish to admonish the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors for being asleep at the switch, as usual. There is no good excuse for their claim that they were unaware of this project or its status. Groups that respect the environment and people have been aware that governments have struggled for many years with the issues of transporting and storing thousands of tons of dangerous waste.

3 Third, I oppose the transportation of waste across San Bernardino County. As a statistician, I am unimpressed with the probability statements I heard today. The DOE's mathematical models are not based on real experience at a level of movement that the current plan proposes.

For example, I read an interesting article the other day which argued that it is almost mathematically impossible for a major league baseball player to hit a pitch, yet practical experience clearly shows us that the average player is successful approximately 280 times out of a thousand attempts.

Any risk of radioactive spills or leaks is unacceptable. I want citizens to glow because of good health and happiness, not radioactivity.

[APPLAUSE.]

FACILITATOR HOLMES: The next name I am having a little trouble reading the transcription; the first name is Jim; the last name is perhaps Smetley, Smetty? Does that ring a bell? All right. Dan Lee? Grove Lester, I believe.

MS. LESTER: Grace Lester.

FACILITATOR HOLMES: All right. You know, major league baseball players hit 280, and I am batting zero.